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SUBJ: PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE OF DEMIREL GOVERNMENT
PROGRAM

1. DEBATE OF THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM, DURING AN ELEVEN HOUR
SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WHICH ENDED AT 2:00 AM
APRIL 10, WAS MARKED BY HEATED EXCHANGES AND NEAR FISTICUFFS.
SPOKESMEN OF TWO MAJOR PARTIES TALKED ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) SPOKESMAN UGUR CRITICIZED
THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM, LABELLING IT A "FALSE COPY" OF CERTAIN
POINTS IN THE RPP PROGRAM WHICH PEOPLE LIKED.
HOWEVER, ON BALANCE, IT WAS DESIGNED TO WORK IN
THE INTEREST OF BIG CAPITALISTS AND THUS LEAD TO FURTHER IMBALANCES
IN INCOME AND WEALTH DISTRIRITION. HE SAID THE PROGRAM WAS
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INFLATIONARY AND ACCUSED THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT OF PLANNING TO

LET "PRIVATE SECTOR FINANCE CAPITAL" ESTABLISH THE CRITICAL ENGINE INDUSTRY. UGUR ATTACKED THE PARTICIPATION OF THE NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY IN THE GOVERNMENT AND CHARGED THE NATIONALIST FRONT LEADERS WITH "HAVING THE SMELL OF BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS." HE SAID "IF IT HAD BEEN A JUYTICE PARTY (JP) GOVERNMENT AGAINST US, WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SO ANXIOUS, BUT WE SEE A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY IN ALLOWING THIS ALLIANCE OF FOUR TO DRAG THE JP BEHIND IT."

B. JP SPOKESMAN ERTEM, DEFENDING THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM, DENIED THAT IT FAVORED BIG CAPITAL, BUT INSTEAD WAS ON THE SIDE OF THE NATION. TURKEY'S FIRST PRIORITY, HE SAID, WAS NATIONAL UNITY AND SOLIDARITY. ACCORDINGLY, THE GOVERNMENT'S FIRST DUTY WAS TO SAVE THE STATE FROM DANGER; IT SECOND DUTY, TO RESPECT THE NATIONAL WILL; ITS THIRD, TO PREVENT ANARCHY AND ITS FOURTH, TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF LIVING.

C. LATER IN THE DEBATE, PRIMIN DEMIREL CRITICIZED THE RPP FOR ITS ABOUT FACE ON THE QUESTION OF EARLY ELECTIONS AND STATES THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS WORKING ON THE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS OF CYPRUS, THE AEGEAN ISLANDS, THRACE AND RELATIONS WITH THE US.

2. TWO OTHER INTERESTING POINTS MADE IN THE DEBATE WERE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S COMPLAINT THAT A GOVERNMENT WITH MASONS IN THE CABINET COULD NOT REPRESENT THAT NATIONAL WILL AND THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY'S URGING THAT THE PLO BE ALLOWED TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN TURKEY.
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